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## SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA

May 9, 2021

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Acts 5:12-20 (Epistle)

John 20:19-31 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship.

If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

**TODAY** **Antipascha, St. Thomas Sunday; MOTHER'S DAY;** Prophet Isaiah (†8<sup>TH</sup> c. B.C.); Martyr Christopher of Lycia, and with him Martyrs Callinika and Aquilina (ca. †250); Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari (†1087); Ven. Shio of Georgia (†6<sup>TH</sup> c.).

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** and **General Memorial** for Thomas GURA (†40 days), Fr. Yosyp SMISHKO, Olga HAUG and All our departed relatives - **LIVE Stream on St. Nicholas Facebook Page**

11:20 pm **Preparation for First Confession**

### Saturday, May 15

4:50 pm Ninth Hour

5:00 pm **Great Vespers, - LIVE Stream on St. Nicholas Facebook Page**

**Sunday, May 16** **3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Pascha; Myrrhbearing Women;** Ven. Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Ven. Pachomius the Great (†368); Translation of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Novgorod (†1545); Ven. Cassian (†1537) and Laurence (†1548); Abbots of Vologda; St. Alexander, Archbishop of Jerusalem (†213-250); Martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia, at Lucania (ca. †303); Bl. Child Musa of Rome (†5<sup>TH</sup> c.); St. George, Bishop of Mitylene (†9<sup>TH</sup> c.); New Martyr Nicholas of Metsovo (†17<sup>TH</sup> c.); Saint Brendan the Navigator (†577).

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10:00 am **Divine Liturgy - LIVE Stream on St. Nicholas Facebook Page**

**GUIDELINES FOR THE PASCHAL SEASON** During the 50 days following Pascha, Orthodox faithful should refrain from kneeling while praying until the celebration of the feast of Holy Trinity (June 20<sup>TH</sup>). On Pentacost we will have special "Kneeling Vespers" during the Divine Liturgy. Also please note where you would normally pray "O Heavenly King" substitute with the Paschal Troparion "Christ is Risen".

**MANY THANKS TO** Matushka Olga for baking the Artos.

Kathy HANNEMAN and our Choir members for your beautiful singing.

Andrew HAUG and Jared McVEY for LIVE Streaming at Passion Week and Pascha services.

Katerina OUCHAKOV for ordering and donating the palms.

Matushka Olga for acquiring and donating the pussy willows.

All who donated Easter Flowers that adorn our church.

Marlo PERRY for donating incense for our church, as well as white tealight candles.

**PASSION WEEK / PASCHA** Thank you to all who made this years Passion Week and Pascha services so prayerful and triumphant. Especially Dn. Dave, altar servers, flower arrangers and donors, those who set-up and took down our Lord's tomb, choir singers and readers, as well as all the attendees.

**May God bless your faithful stewardship at our parish!**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

Sunday, May 2, 2021 - Donation / Assessments	\$1,390.00
Passion Week and Pascha - Donation	\$1,767.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,157.00</b>

**ARTOS — THE BREAD OF EASTER** is the name for leavened bread that is blessed during Paschal services in the Orthodox Churches. Artos is an ancient tradition dating back to the time of the apostles when Jesus said *"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."* (John 6:35). Like all other sacred items, Artos should be treated with reverence and piety. It is an ancient custom in practice to this day to keep a portion of the blessed bread and consume it in time of need or illness.

**MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday** to Vladimir GALKIN on May 12<sup>TH</sup> & Bartley PERRY on May 14<sup>TH</sup>.

**May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Danelle BERGSTROM	Tom KOMPARE	Richard JOVANOVIH	Jovan HAUG	Lubov SIROTUK
Sevasti BERGSTROM	Georgia PATTEN	Galyna SHAFRANEC	Elena PAVLOVA	Alice PISTILLI
Katherina BRADLEY	June BRADLEY	Jose FELIX	Joseph ORLOVICH	Carrie BARON

**Today Epistle (Acts 5:12-20)**

Brethren... And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

**Today Gospel (John 20:19-31)**

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**Апостол Дня (Деяния 5:12-20)**

Братия... Руками же Апостолов совершались в народе многие знамения и чудеса; и все единодушно пребывали в притворе Соломоновом. Из посторонних же никто не смел пристать к ним, а народ прославлял их. Верующих же более и более присоединялось к Господу, множество мужчин и женщин, так что выносили больных на улицы и полагали на постелях и кроватях, дабы хотя тень проходящего Петра осеняла кого из них. Сходились также в Иерусалим многие из окрестных городов, неся больных и нечистыми духами одержимых, которые и исцелялись все. Первосвященник же и с ним все, принадлежавшие к ереси саддукейской, исполнились зависти, и наложили руки свои на Апостолов, и заключили их в народную темницу. Но Ангел Господень ночью отворил двери темницы и, выведя их, сказал: идите и, став в храме, говорите народу все сии слова жизни.

**Евангелие Дня (Иоанна 20:19-31)**

В тот же первый день недели вечером, когда двери дома, где собирались ученики Его, были заперты из опасения от Иудеев, пришел Иисус, и стал посреди, и говорит им: "мир вам!" Сказав это, Он показал им руки и ноги и ребра Свои. Ученики обрадовались, увидев Господа. Иисус же сказал им вторично: "мир вам! как послал Меня Отец, так и Я посылаю вас." Сказав это, дунул, и говорит им: "примите Духа Святаго. Кому простите грехи, тому простятся; на ком оставите, на том останутся." Фома же, один из двенадцати, называемый Близнец, не был тут с ними, когда приходил Иисус. Другие ученики сказали ему: "мы видели Господа." Но он сказал им: "если не увижу на руках Его ран от гвоздей, и не вложу перста моего в раны от гвоздей, и не вложу руки моей в ребра Его, не поверю." После восьми дней опять были в доме ученики Его, и Фома с ними. Пришел Иисус, когда двери были заперты, стал посреди них и сказал: "мир вам!" Потом говорит Фоме: "подай перст твой сюда и посмотри руки Мои; подай руку твою и вложи в ребра Мои; и не будь неверующим, но верующим." Фома сказал Ему в ответ: "Господь мой и Бог мой!" Иисус говорит ему: "ты поверил, потому что увидел Меня; блаженны невидевшие и уверовавшие." Много сотворил Иисус пред учениками Своими и других чудес, о которых не писано в книге сей. Сие же написано, дабы вы уверовали, что Иисус есть Христос, Сын Божий, и, веруя, имели жизнь во имя Его.